(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that sailing schedules are irregular and documentation process is too much complicated for tourists;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to simplify the procedure and regularise the sailing schedules; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). The sailing schedules are drawn well in advance by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. However, these schedules are deferred for a day or two due to adverse weather conditions or other technical problems.

There is no complicated documentation process for tourists.

Documentary Serials on River Valley Development

4185. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA :
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the procedure for telecasting documentary on development programmes on Doordarshan Network;

(b) the number of documentaries on river valley development prepared and telecast during the each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Hindi serial 'Pani ke Akshar' has been discontinued;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to re-start it on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Documentaries on Development Programmes are telecast by Doordarshan on its National Network as well as by its Regional Kendras from time to time depending upon the availability of programmes and time slots.

(b) The information is being collected and and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

Payment of Lease Rent by AI

4186. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India did not utilise the space available in Atma Ram Mansion of Connaught Place during the lease period from December, 1987 to October, 1994 but continued to pay the lease-rent to the owner of the building;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this matter; and

(c) if so, the findings of the enquiry and action taken to check the misappropriation of public money in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The space available in Atma Ram Mansion, could not be used by Air India from December 1987 to October 1994. The company, however, stopped payment of rent from September 1993.

(b) An inquiry into the matter has been instituted by the Government in pursuance of the direction of Division Bench of the Delhi High Court.

(c) The matter is sub-judice.

Rehabilitation of Workers in Closing PSUs

4187. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have worked out detailed proposal to rehabilitate or offer alternative employment of personnel working in various Public Sector Undertakings which are likely to be closed down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some Central Government Undertakings dealing with leather and allied products have also been identified for closure without any substantial relief to existing employees; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). The National Renewal Fund established by the Government in 1992, has been providing counselling, retraining and redeployment assistance to workers affected by technology upgradation, modernisation and industrial restructuring of Indian Industry through Employee Assistance Centres set up by the Nodal Agencies, in 49 locations spread over 16 States.

(c) and (d). According to available information from Deptt. of Heavy Industry, Tannery and Footwear Corporation (TAFCO), a sick Central Public Sector Undertaking, was referred to BIFR in 1992. The possibility of rehabilitating the employees of TAFCO by organising multiple small scale co-operatives were